

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 448

By Barnes

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Captain Marie K. Cicerelle for her dutiful and valiant military service.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to honor those many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of individuals continue this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Captain Marie K. Cicerelle is one such exemplary person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Marie Cicerelle began her military service immediately after graduating from high school, when she entered the United States Military Academy Preparatory School at Fort Monmouth in New Jersey; and

WHEREAS, following completion of her studies at the Preparatory School, she accepted an appointment to attend the prestigious United States Military Academy in West Point, New York, from which she graduated with a bachelor's degree in Systems Engineering; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cicerelle was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, Adjutant General Corps, and was promptly assigned to the United States Army Soldier Support Institute at Fort Jackson in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, a woman of the utmost skill and professionalism, Marie Cicerelle completed both the Adjutant General Officer Basic Course and the Military Postal Operations Course during her time at Fort Jackson; and

WHEREAS, upon the completion of her courses, Captain Cicerelle was further assigned to the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, where she began her duties as an Officer with the Division Sustainment Brigade; and

WHEREAS, Marie Cicerelle's service as a Lieutenant included a deployment to Mosul, Iraq, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom; she distinguished herself on multiple occasions during this operation, willingly traveling to numerous remote combat outposts to inspect and certify unit postal operations; and

WHEREAS, after returning home from her tour of duty in Iraq, Captain Cicerelle began preparing almost immediately to serve in Afghanistan, deploying as the Assistant S-1 Officer for the 101st Sustainment Brigade; and

WHEREAS, in this role, she boldly served in both Bagram and Kandahar, Afghanistan, before returning home to the United States in 2009; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades for her brave and noble service, Captain Cicerelle is the honored recipient of numerous military awards, including the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Army Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Afghanistan Campaign Medal with service star, the Iraq Campaign Medal with service star, and the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal; and

WHEREAS, her many professional accomplishments aside, Marie Cicerelle is engaged to be married to Captain Charles Lewis in October of 2009; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Captain Marie Cicerelle for her dedicated service to the State of Tennessee and this nation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Captain Marie Cicerelle for her honorable and astute service with the United States Army, salute her unswerving commitment to improving the quality of life for others, and extend to her our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.